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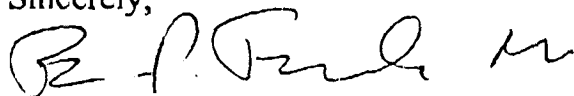
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion about the Microsoft antitrust settlement agreement. I understand that the Justice Department is accepting public comment on this issue, and I would like to state that I am in full support of the current agreement, because I believe it is a fair and reasonable solution to this complex case.

It took more than three years to reach this agreement, and I believe that it should remain in its present form. Microsoft has agreed to share its technology and information, allow its rivals to be more competitive in the market, and permit non-Microsoft programs to be installed in Windows. In my view, Microsoft has agreed to the changes that most significantly affect the American public.

For this reason, and because the company produces a reliable, high-quality product, I will continue to support Microsoft. I certainly hope that the government will maintain the integrity of the current agreement and allow the computer company to do what it does best -- create and innovate.

Sincerely,



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